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PATENT 82001-0148 #Y

DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR PATENT APPLICATION

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Our residences, post office addresses and citizenship are as stated below next to our names.

We believe that we are joint inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought, on the invention entitled SHIPPING AND TRANSPORTATION OPTIMIZATION SYSTEM AND METHOD, the specification of which was filed as U.S. Application No. 09/903,855 filed July 13, 2001, Attorney Docket No. 82001-0148.

We hereby state that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

We acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56(a).

We hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, § 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

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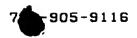
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